



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 7, 2000

H.R. 3063

An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one state, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 5, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3063 would not affect federal spending. Because H.R. 3063 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3063 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3063 would double, from 15,360 acres to 30,720 acres, the maximum federal acreage of a sodium mining lease that a leaseholder may hold in any one state. According to the Bureau of Land Management, enacting H.R. 3063 would allow individual mining companies more flexibility to merge with other companies holding sodium leases, but is unlikely to affect the overall amount of federal acreage leased for mining. Therefore, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3063 would not affect payments to the government from sodium leaseholders.

On October 29, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3063 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 27, 1999. The two versions of the legislation are identical and the cost estimates are the same.

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